

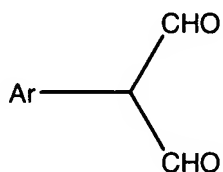
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A germicidal composition comprising:

a diluent;

an amount of a compound of the following formula effective to kill mycobacterium:



wherein Ar is an aryl group selected from the group consisting of phenyl, 4-pyrimidinyl, and 2-(2-nitro-3-formyl-phenyl); and

a corrosion inhibitor.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, further comprising:

a buffer;

a chelating agent; and

a surfactant.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 3, further comprising:

a fragrance; and

a coloring agent.

5. (Withdrawn) A method comprising killing bacteria by contacting the bacteria with the composition of claim 1.
6. (Withdrawn) A method comprising disinfecting a surface by contacting the surface with the composition of claim 1 for a period of time and at a temperature effective to disinfect the surface.
7. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein Ar is phenyl.
8. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7, wherein the amount of the compound is effective to kill at least 1×10^6 *Mycobacterium terrae* bacteria in contact with the composition in less than one hour with a bacteria suspension test at a temperature of 20°C.
9. (Withdrawn) A method comprising disinfecting a surface by contacting the surface with the composition of claim 8 for a period of time and at a temperature effective to disinfect the surface.
10. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7, further comprising an enhancer to enhance a germicidal efficacy of the compound, the enhancer selected from the group consisting of isophthalaldehyde and a combination of isophthalaldehyde and terephthalaldehyde.
11. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein Ar is 4-pyrimidinyl.
12. (Withdrawn) A method comprising disinfecting a surface by contacting the surface with the composition of claim 11 for a period of time and at a temperature effective to disinfect the surface.
13. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 11, wherein the amount of the compound is effective to kill at least 1×10^4 *Mycobacterium terrae* bacteria in contact with the

composition in less than five minutes with a bacteria suspension test at a temperature of 20°C.

14. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein Ar is 2-(2-nitro-3-formyl-phenyl).
15. (Withdrawn) A method comprising disinfecting a surface by contacting the surface with the composition of claim 14 for a period of time and at a temperature effective to disinfect the surface.
16. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 14, wherein the amount of the compound is effective to kill at least 1×10^4 *Mycobacterium terrae* bacteria in contact with the composition in less than five minutes with a bacteria suspension test at a temperature of 20°C.

17-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A germicidal composition comprising:

a diluent;

phenyl-propanedial; and

isophthalaldehyde, wherein the germicidal composition is effective to kill mycobacterium.
20. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein the isophthalaldehyde is an enhancer for the germicidal efficacy of the phenyl-propanedial.
21. (Withdrawn) A method comprising killing bacteria by contacting the bacteria with the composition of claim 19.
22. (Original) The composition of claim 19, further comprising terephthalaldehyde.

23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, wherein the isophthalaldehyde and the terephthalaldehyde are an enhancer for the germicidal efficacy of the phenyl-propanedial.
24. (Withdrawn) A method comprising disinfecting a surface by contacting the surface with the composition of claim 23.
25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of the compound is effective to kill at least 1×10^6 *Mycobacterium terrae* bacteria in contact with the composition in less than one hour with a bacteria suspension test at a temperature of 20°C.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, further comprising tuberculosis in contact with the diluent.
28. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, further comprising bacteria in contact with the diluent.
29. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 28, wherein the bacteria comprise mycobacterium.
30. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the bacteria comprise *Mycobacterium terrae*.
31. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the compound is an intermediate disinfectant.
32. (Withdrawn) A method comprising killing mycobacterium by contacting the bacteria with the composition of claim 1.
33. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, in contact with a medical instrument.

34. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7, wherein the germicidal compound has a concentration ranging from 0.1 to about 1%.
35. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 11, wherein the germicidal compound has a concentration ranging from 0.1 to about 2.3%.
36. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 14, wherein the germicidal compound has a concentration ranging from 0.1 to about 2.1%.
37. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 19, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ an amount of the phenyl-propanedial is effective to kill at least 1×10^6 *Mycobacterium terrae* bacteria in contact with the composition in less than one hour with a bacteria suspension test at a temperature of 20°C.